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TAGS: EAIR, UK

SUBJ: CIVAIR - SECURITY INCIDENT MANCHESTER AIRPORT

1. A YOUNG 21 YEAR OLD MALE BRANDISHING A JAPANESE MADE REPLICA PISTOL TOOK A FEMALE HOSTAGE AND USED HER TO GET THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY SCREENING AT MANCHESTER AIRPORT MID AFTERNOON JULY 24. AFTER REACHING THE INTERNATIONAL PIER AREA OF THE APRON HE RAN ALONG SHOUTING AND ENTERED THE FIRST AIRCRAFT HE ENCOUNTERED WHICH WAS A BRITANNIA RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM ATHENS AND UNDERGOING A CLEANING PREPARATORY TO ITS NEXT FLIGHT. THE MAN THEN ORDERED THE CLEANING CREW OFF THE AIRCRAFT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER SPECIAL BRANCH POLICEMAN ARRIVED AND OVERPOWERED THE MAN AND HE IS NOW BEING HELD UNDER A CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIRE ARM.

2. DEPT OF TRADE SECURITY OFFICIALS DO NOT CONSIDER THE INCIDENT AS AN ATTEMPTED HIJACKING. THE INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THE YOUNG MAN TO BE TROUBLED BY GIRLFRIEND PROBLEMS AND WAS SEEKING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO WIN THE GIRL BACK. THE OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE HE HAD ANY INTENTION OF HIJACKING THE AIRCRAFT.

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